

Washington State Board of Registration for Landscape Architects

Number 3 ■ Fall/Winter 2006-2007

Inside:

- 1 Message from the Chair
- 2 Board Member Bios
- 3 Welcome to the Board
Board Member Vacancy
RCW 18.96: "Title Act" or
"Practice Act"
The Department of Licensing
– A Year of Transition
- 4 Shane DeWald Elected CLARB
Region 5 Director
New Staff Introduction
License Renewal Statistics
Examination Statistics
- 5 Congratulations to
New Licensees
- 6 Our New Website
Are You Receiving the
Latest Licensing News?

Your Board Members:**Thomas C. Sherry**

Chair ■ Spokane

James S. B. Yap

Vice Chair ■ Everett

Clyde Haase

Secretary ■ Spokane

Jeanne Harris

Public Member ■ Vancouver

StaffJoseph Vincent Jr.
AdministratorLorin Doyle
Program ManagerEmma Butler
Program RepresentativeElizabeth Stancil
Secretary AdministrativeBrett Lorentson
Management Analyst**Message from the Chair**

By Thomas Sherry

I am pleased to begin my tenure as Chair of the State Board of Registration for Landscape Architects by congratulating Shane Dewald, who has served the Board and citizens of the state for the past ten years, in her new role as Region 5 Director for the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB). Shane and preceding Board members have set a high standard for this position, and I am honored to serve along with my fellow Board members in our positions, as appointed by the Governor of our state.

The role of our Board is to examine and oversee candidates and licensees in the profession, hold disciplinary hearings if needed, and to recommend the adoption of rules and regulations for administering the regulatory laws. This latter task in particular has been a key element in the past few months' work of the board, in clarifying and streamlining rules governing the profession.

Our Board meets 'face to face' twice yearly, once in the Seattle or Olympia region in the Spring of the year, and once in Spokane or Pullman in the Fall. Two additional meetings are conducted via conference call, as are special meetings to address pending rule changes, Board assignments, or other issues such as discussions on industry efforts to introduce a Practice Act in Washington State. The Board will monitor this effort and weigh in if and when appropriate. The Board's role, should a Practice Act be put in place, will remain however to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, our primary reason for professional registration.

The Board cannot function without the work of our dedicated and experienced Department of Licensing staff members. The staff works with several other related professional boards, including Architecture and Geology, and has worked with our member Board to provide a level of consistency in regulatory operations that benefits all member boards and our respective professions.

Our exam candidates have been saved approximately \$145 in cost as a result of having Washington State administer portions of the licensing exam, while

Continues next page

Administrative services are provided to the Board by the Department of Licensing. The Department and the Board have a policy of providing equal access to its services. If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 664-1497 or TTY (360) 664-8885.

Chairs message continued.

CLARB provides sections A, B & D. We will continue to strive to make the examination process as cost effective to the candidates as possible, and to work within our Dedicated Fund to keep our ongoing licensure affordable.

As your current chair, and entering my fifth year of service, it is my goal to ensure that our Board remains accessible and focused on our key tasks. I would like to encourage all of our licensees and candidates to be engaged in the future of your profession. The future is upon us! ■



If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of this publication, please contact us at:

Mailing address:

PO Box 9045
Olympia, WA 98507-9045

Street address:

405 Black Lake Blvd.
Olympia, WA 98502

Phone:

(360) 664-1497

Fax:

(360) 664-1495

E-Mail:

landscape@dol.wa.gov

Web site:

www.dol.wa.gov/business/landscapearchitects

The information in the newsletter is being made available to you as a public service by the Washington Board of Registration for Landscape Architects and does not constitute legal or professional advice. Neither the Board, nor any agency, officer, or employee of the state of Washington, warrants the accuracy, reliability, or timeliness of any information in this newsletter. Any opinions expressed in the articles are those of each author. It is the responsibility of each licensee to know, and comply with the laws relating to landscape architects.

Your Board Members

Thomas C. Sherry, Board Chair, a Spokane resident, has a BS in landscape architecture from Washington State University. He has been president of Sherry Pratt Van Voorhis, P.S. Landscape Architects, since it was founded in 1995. Thomas has served in the profession since 1982, working in design-build and design firms prior to starting his own firm with two partners and is active in many project areas, including parks and recreation, K-12 and Higher Education work, capital projects for several municipalities, and work overseas. He was appointed to a first term on the Board in September 2002 and his current term expires in September 2007.

James S.B. Yap, ASLA, Vice Chair, a Monroe resident has a Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He is licensed in both Washington and New York, and is currently the Principal Park Planner for the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation. His earlier career included design, planning and construction management, residential and commercial landscape design. He is currently managing a variety of capital projects. His first Board term began in April 2004 and expires in April 2008.

Jeanne Harris, Public Member, is a Vancouver Washington resident and city council member. She has a BA from Concordia University in Business Management and Communications and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Applied Behavioral Science from Bastyr University in Seattle. Jeanne is a licensed insurance agent, and recently opened Harris Insurance Group, an Allstate Insurance agency. Jeanne serves on the Association of Washington Cities board of directors as well as the National League of Cities Human Development Steering and Advocacy committee, appointed by AWC. Jeanne focuses in particular on affordable housing, transit and economic development. She is past chair of C-TRAN, served as vice-chair on the SW Washington Health District, and chair of the Vancouver Affordable Housing Summit. ■

Welcome to the Board

The newest Board member **Clyde Haase**, Board Secretary, has been a registered Landscape Architect in the State of Washington since 1970 (License #34). During the 1970 - 80's, Clyde was heavily and successfully involved in real estate development. In the 1980's Clyde purchased Krause Nursery, and established Haase Landscape, Inc. to provide professional, full service landscape architecture and design/build for the Spokane area. Throughout his 35 years in the landscaping industry, Clyde has been involved with expert witnessing for the industry and has been employed by attorneys throughout the state to provide insight and testimony regarding a variety of projects, including environmental issues. He has also served on numerous public and professional boards over his career. He was appointed to this Board in 2005, and his term expires in 2010.

Board member vacancy

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Registration for Landscape Architects, we encourage you to visit DOL's or the Governor's website at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/>

RCW 18.96: "Title Act" or "Practice Act"

In the last year, the Board has explored 18.96 RCW (The Law Relating to Landscape Architects) to determine whether it can be interpreted as a "practice act" instead of a "title act." As it currently stands, the law regulates those professionals who declare themselves by title as landscape architects, but does not apply to who may practice landscape architecture.

In March 2006, the Department of Licensing (DOL) presented to the Board historical information regarding the current interpretation and oral testimony from a participant in the original legislative process resulting in RCW 18.96. The testimony described efforts to pass a practice act and the negotiations that resulted in the passage of the current act intended, at that time, to be limited to a title act. DOL also provided a summation of its investigation and enforcement activity in relation to regulating the title.

The DOL holds there is no clear evidence that a change to the administration of the law is required to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Enforcement of the act as a title act only is consistent with the original legislative intent, and accordingly, the DOL will maintain its current practice in administration of the law. ■

The Department of Licensing – A Year of Transition

"Change Happens!" That's been the theme this past year for the Department of Licensing staff that supports the work of the Board. Long time staffer Joan Robinson took on new challenges in the Department and is now staffing the Real Estate Appraiser regulatory program – good luck Joan! Reorganization within the Business and Professions Division brought two more programs under the purview of Administrator Joe Vincent Jr., bringing the total number of programs to five. In addition to the Landscape Architect Board, the section includes the regulatory Boards for Architects, Geologists, Funeral Directors and Embalmers, and Cemeteries – quite a mix!

As the saying goes — change brings opportunity, and the reorganization has made more staff resources available to support the Board. While the total FTE (Full Time Equivalent) allotment to the Board remains at 0.41, just under one half of one position, the Board now has available Management Analyst Brett Lorentson and recently added Program Manager Lorin Doyle to assist in program administration. Both bring extensive experience and skills that have already proven valuable. The recent efforts in rule development, program evaluation, and the development of the new Board Journal timeline are some examples.

Other changes have included the appointment of Clyde Haase to the Board, replacing Charles Warsinski at the end of his term in November of 2005, and the end of Shane DeWald's second and final term on the Board.

The Department looks forward to providing a high level of service to the Board in delivering their charge of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Washington through the responsible regulation of Landscape Architects. ■

Shane DeWald Elected CLARB Region 5 Director

With 10 years of experience on the Washington Board of Registration for Landscape Architects, Shane DeWald has been selected by representatives from throughout CLARB Region 5 to take a step beyond the borders of Washington and serve as a Regional Director.

The responsibility to represent Region 5 — the largest of all CLARB regions (including Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington along with the Canadian province of British Columbia) presents both a challenge for Shane and an opportunity for all Region 5 member boards — including ours here in the State of Washington.

Elected at the CLARB Annual Meeting held in San Antonio in early September, Shane takes the reigns from British Columbia Board Delegate and newly-elected CLARB National Secretary, Ian Wasson.

The responsibility to channel information between CLARB National and Region 5 member boards is uniquely important in 2006-2007 to ensure the function of the organization through the transition period that accompanies the selection and acclimation of a new CLARB Executive Director. Though junior in status as the newest member of the Board of Directors, experience on the Washington Board, experience as an LARE Grader and Master Grader, membership in WASLA, and familiarity with representatives from all Region 5 member boards appropriately equip Shane for the tasks ahead.

When asked about her new appointment Shane responded, "I like to think of the endorsement I've received from Region 5 as a sign of appreciation for a genuinely interested and interactive style exhibited over the years. I think it's fair to say I'm known as the strong — and not-so-silent type. I welcome the opportunity to represent the concerns and interests of Region 5 member boards during the year ahead, confident that there is no loss if I wear out my welcome in a year's time. Region 5 has a wealth of talent available to follow me!"

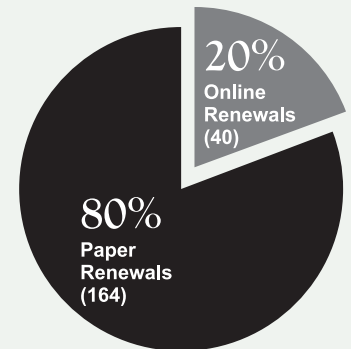
New Staff Introduction

Lorin Doyle, Program Manager

Lorin Doyle spent 10 years with the Washington State Arts Commission, managing the public art and artwork conservation programs. She most recently served as a software systems manager with the Department of General Administration. Lorin has degrees in art history and psychology, and an eclectic background that includes database design, visual and performing arts, and non-commercial baking.

License Renewal Statistics

Do you know there are currently 680 Landscape Architects licensed in Washington? Between the period of January and September 2006 there were a total of 204 license renewals.



Your license needs to be renewed every 2 years, on your birthday. The Department of Licensing will send a reminder approximately 8 weeks before your renew date. Please keep your address information updated

Examination Statistics

Statistics for sections C and E of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) during the period of January and September 2006 are as follows:

Section C - Site Design (4 Vignette Problems)

There were 18 examinees who took Section C of L.A.R.E. 72% of those examinees passed the exam.

Section E - Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management (4 Vignette Problems)

There were 26 examinees who took Section E of L.A.R.E. 50% of those examinees passed the exam.

Congratulations!

Washington State Landscape Architect Board welcomes all new licensees.

There were a total of 32 new Washington State licensees through reciprocity and examination between the period of January and September 2006. Out of the new licensees 34% were by examination, while 66% were by reciprocity.

Examination

(11)

Craig D. Andersen	Margie I. Korve
Katie L. Bang	Anita L. Madtes
Brandon L. Derosa	Travis W. Price
Ian T. Duncan	Rene' M. Senos
Andrew A. Fox	Richard J. Van Der Heide
Susan C. Hoey-Lees	

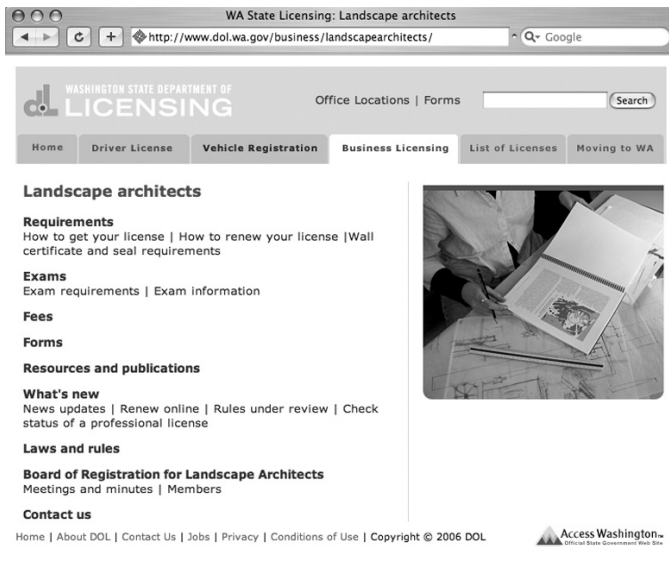
Reciprocity

(21)

David R. Anderson	James D. Macy
Daniel R. Cable	Richard K. Perry
David B. Carlson	Kenneth J. Puncerelli
Robert H. Foster	Douglas A. Russell
Melinda L. Graham	Mark G. Shelby
Debra D. Guenther	Dolores D. Silkworth
James H. Hensley II	Jennifer L. Stock
Warren H. Klink	Luanne Urfer
Edward R. Leonetti	Matthew D. Wilgenbusch
David W. Lestage	Yoshifuli Yano
Vincent F. Mackel	

Check out our new Website

At the beginning of September, the Department of Licensing introduced a new, improved website to assist your search when looking to answer some of your Landscape Architect licensing questions. We encourage you to view it for yourself at www.dol.wa.gov/business/landscapearchitects. The Board attempts to post all current board information such as agendas, minutes, rule revisions, etc. on the website. We always want to improve our communication with you, so any feedback about the content or layout is welcome.



Are you receiving the latest licensing news?

In the near future, your profession's licensing-related news will be by e-communication. Sign up today to be sure to receive announcements posted on the new Landscape Architects' ListServe.

To join the Listserv, please visit our website:

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/landscapearchitects>

- Click "What's New", and select "Join Mailing list"
- Select the ListServ ® link
- Select the "Join or leave the list (or change settings)" link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the join list button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list.

Presorted
Standard
US Postage
PAID
Olympia WA
Permit #45

Landscape Architects Licensing Board
PO Box 9045
Olympia, WA 98507-9045

